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### Charges filed in Proctor Football Case

The St. Louis County Attorney's Office has filed a Petition in Juvenile Court alleging Alec John Baney, age 17 of Proctor, Minnesota, committed the offense of Third Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct against a juvenile victim on September 7, 2021, following varsity football practice at Proctor High School, County Attorney Kim Maki said.

A motion to certify the proceeding into criminal (adult) court will be filed on or before the first scheduled court hearing.

After receiving the referral from the Proctor Police Department on October 27, 2021, this office conducted a thorough review of the file and requested additional information from the Proctor Police Department in early November 2021. Additional information was received from law enforcement on January 5, 2022.

The investigation in this matter was unnecessarily complicated and delayed by the voluminous amount of social media speculation surrounding this incident as investigators were forced to devote their limited resources to responding to social media rumors.

While no additional charges are being filed against other individuals at this time, the matter remains an active investigation with the Proctor Police Department. Anyone with information regarding the events of September 7, 2021, is encouraged to contact Proctor police at 218-624-7788.

The case will be handled by Assistant St. Louis County Attorneys Korey Horn and Jon Holets.

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